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SUBJ: BERLIN-ZURICH FLIGHTS: REPORT OF SWISSAIR/INTERFLUG SERVICE

REF: USBERLIN 2615

1. NEUE ZURCHER ZEITUNG DEC 7 CARRIED TAGESSPIEGEL STORY REPORTED REFTEL RE SWISSAIR/INTERFLUG PLANS OPEN SCHOENEFELD-ZURICH SERVICE. DR JAISLI OF SWISS FEDERAL AIR OFFICE TOLD EMBOFF THAT NZZ REPORT WAS FIRST INFORMATION SWISS GOVT HAD RECEIVED ON THIS DEVELOPMENT. JAISLI STRESSED THAT NEITHER COMPANY HAS FILED REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO BEGIN SERVICE ZURICH - SCHOENEFELD. JAISLI ADDED THAT SWISSAIR MANAGEMENT TOLD HIM DEC 7 THAT THOUGH SWISSAIR HAS HAD TALKS WITH INTERFLUG AND VARIOUS QUOTE DISCUSSIONS, CON-SIDERATIONS AND STUDIES HAVE BEEN MADE UNQUOTE, NOTHING DEFINITE HAS YET BEEN PROPOSED. JAISLI COMMENTED THAT HE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FEW DAYS AGO FROM SWISSAIR BELIN REP WHO INQUIRED ABOUT STATUS PAN AM APPLICATION; HOWEVER, NO MENTION WAS MADE THEN BY SWISSAIR BERLIN OF POSSIBLE

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SCHOENEFELD SERVICE.

2. NZZ ARTICLE REPORTED THAT ITS INVESTIGATION HAD DISCLOSED SWISS FEDERAL AIR OFFICE UNAWARE OF PLANS BEGIN SCHOENEFELD-ZURICH SERVICE. SWISSAIR PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE IN REPLY TO PRESS INQUIRY HAD STATED THAT SERVICE COULD NOT IN ANY EVENT BEGIN NEXT SPRING BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT TRAFFIC. ARTICLE ALSO STATED THAT US AND SOVIET POSITIONS STILL UNKNOWN RE THIS LATEST DEVELOPMENT. NZZ NOTED THAT SWISS/GDR BILATERAL AVIATION AGREEMENT SIGNED 1975 ENTERED INTO FORCE NOV 23, 1976 AND PROVIDES SWISSAIR LANDING RIGHTS AT EAST BERLIN AND DRESDEN.

3. NZZ ALSO PUBLISHED REPORT FROM BONN DATED DEC 6 THAT ACCORDING TO FRG TRANSPORT MINISTRY THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF INTERFLUG USING FRG AIRSPACE FOR FLIGHTS FROM SCHOENEFELD-ZURICH FLIGHTS WITHOUT OFFERING QUID PRO QUO BUT THAT FRG STANDS READY TO NEGOTIATE WITH GDR. THIS REPORT CONTINUED THAT FRG SPOKESMAN BOELLING KNEW THAT GDR HAS HERETOFORE NOT EVEN PERMITTED LUFTHANSA TO LAND AT TAGEL AIRPORT, WEST BERLIN.

4. SWISS RADIO NEWS BROADCAST DEC 7 STATED THAT IN EVENT FRG DENIED OVERFLIGHT TO INTERFLUG, LATTER WAS PREPARED FLY CIRCUITOUS ROUTE MENTIONED PARA 5 REFTEL. DAVIS

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